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SUBJECT: ADDITONAL BULGARIAN RESPONSE TO NEW U.S. LAW ON MARITIME
CARGO SCANNING

REF: A) SECSTATE 119837 B) SOFIA 1160

11. (SBU) As reported in ref B, Post sent ref A guidance on the new U.S. law on maritime cargo scanning to the MFA, Maritime Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Agency, Customs, as well as AmCham and the Association of Cargo Carriers. On October 3 we received an additional response -- from the Bulgarian Ship Owner's Association -- which stated that the new maritime security law would have a negative impact not only on the quality of port services offered in Bulgaria, but also on the supply chain as a whole. The BSA urges what it terms "more practical" measures to enhance international maritime security.

12. (U) Post will forward any additional comments on the new law via septel.

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